

What is claimed is:

1. A personal information management apparatus
which electronically manages personal information
5 of a user, comprising:

a personal information database selection unit
selecting a personal information database based on
predetermined rules from a personal information
storage unit including a plurality of personal
10 information databases respectively storing personal
information about different situations of a user;
and

a processing unit processing the personal
information database selected by said personal
15 information database selection unit such that the
personal information can be read and written.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further
comprising

20 a clock unit outputting current time data,
wherein

said rules are defined based on the time data
output by said clock unit.

25 3. The apparatus according to claim 1, further

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comprising

a transmission/reception unit, provided in a network, transmitting and receiving data to and from an information processing terminal through the network, wherein

said personal information database selection unit selects the personal information database through the network, or directly selects the personal information database.

4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

said rules are defined based on information received by said transmission/reception unit about access path in the network from the information processing terminal.

5. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

said rules are defined based on information received by said transmission/reception unit and designating the information processing terminal.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

a status information input unit inputting any user status information in user status information

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containing a situation of a user and a status of a user, wherein

said rules are defined according to user status information input through said status information input unit.

7. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a personal information nonmatching detection unit detecting a difference in personal information of predetermined items common to two personal information databases stored in said personal information storage unit; and

a personal information nonmatching notification unit notifying of the difference detected by said personal information nonmatching detection unit.

8. The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising

a personal information synchronization unit amending one piece of different personal information detected by said personal information nonmatching detection unit to match the other piece.

9. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a personal information nonmatching detection unit detecting a difference in personal information of predetermined items common to two personal information databases stored in said personal information storage unit; and

a personal information synchronization unit amending one piece of different personal information detected by said personal information nonmatching detection unit to match the other piece.

10. A personal information managing method which electronically manages personal information of a user, comprising:

selecting a personal information database based on predetermined rules from a personal information storage unit including a plurality of personal information databases respectively storing personal information about different situations of a user; and

processing the selected personal information database such that the personal information can be read and written.

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15. The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

inputting any user status information in user status information containing a situation of a user and a status of a user; wherein

said rules are defined according to the input user status information.

16. The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

detecting a difference in personal information of predetermined items common to two personal information databases stored in said personal information storage unit; and

notifying of the detected difference.

17. The method according to claim 16, further comprising:

amending one piece of the detected different personal information to match the other piece.

18. The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

detecting a difference in personal information of predetermined items common to two personal

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20. The storage medium according to claim 19,
further comprising the function of outputting
current time data, wherein

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said rules are defined based on the output time data.

21. The storage medium according to claim 19,
further comprising the function of transmitting and
receiving data to and from an information
5 processing terminal through a network, wherein

data is transmitted and received to and from
an information processing terminal through a
network; and

10 said personal information database is selected
through the network, or said personal information
database is directly selected.

22. The storage medium according to claim 21,
wherein

15 said rules are defined based on received
information about an access path in the network
from the information processing terminal.

23. The storage medium according to claim 21,
20 wherein

said rules are defined based on received
information designating the information processing
terminal.

25 24. The storage medium according to claim 19,

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further comprising inputting any user status information in user status information containing a situation of a user and a status of a user, wherein

5 said rules are defined according to the input user status information.

25. The storage medium according to claim 19, further comprising detecting a difference in personal information of predetermined items common
10 to two personal information databases stored in said personal information storage unit, wherein

 said detected difference is notified of.

26. The storage medium according to claim 25,
15 further comprising:

 amending one piece of the detected different personal information to match the other piece.

27. The storage medium to claim 19, further
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 detecting a difference in personal information of predetermined items common to two personal information databases stored in said personal information storage unit; and

25 amending one piece of the detected different

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personal information to match the other piece.

28. A personal information management program used to direct a computer for electronically managing personal information of a user to perform the functions of:

selecting a personal information database based on predetermined rules from a personal information storage unit including a plurality of personal information databases respectively storing personal information about different situations of a user; and

processing the selected personal information database such that the personal information can be read and written.

29. The program according to claim 28, further comprising the function of outputting current time data, wherein

said rules are defined based on the output time data.

30. The program according to claim 28, further comprising the function of transmitting and receiving data to and from an information

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data is transmitted and received to and from an information processing terminal through a network; and

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said rules are defined based on received information about an access path in the network from the information processing terminal.

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personal information database selection means

for selecting a personal information database based
on predetermined rules from personal information
storage means including a plurality of personal
information databases respectively storing personal
5 information about different situations of a user;
and

processing means for processing the personal
information database selected by said personal
information database selection means such that the
10 personal information can be read and written.

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